

# Events & Announcements

## Community Calendar 2016

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### Portland Metro

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

**WASHINGTON PARK CELEBRATES "GOOD TIMES" IN PORTLAND CONCERT:** This summer free for all program that brings free marts to our local park is one reason Portland is such a great place to live. Come listen to all the free music. 6 p.m., Washington Park Rose Garden, 400 S.W. Kingston Ave.

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

**LEGACY'S COMMUNITY WELLNESS FAIR!** Free fun & educational activities for all ages. Bike helmets for \$6, child car seat checks plus recycling of old seats, health & wellness ideas and much more. 10 a.m.- 2 p.m., Legacy Emanuel Medical Center, Randall Children's Hospital, 2801 N. Gantenbein Ave.

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

**22ND ANNUAL COLUMBIA SLOUGH REGATTA:** Join our on-the-water festival and celebrate the Columbia Slough! Over 400 people will meet at the St. Johns Launch to launch into the safe slack water of the Columbia Slough. Individuals and families are welcome to bring their own boats. A donation of \$8 per person is requested. No one is turned away! 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Borrow a boat or bring your own. 9837 N. Columbia Blvd.

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

**THE NEW HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH ANNIVERSARY "PLATINUM CELEBRATI"!** Come join us for a pre-anniversary service with guest Preacher and former Pastor, Rev. Robert C. Jointer. 7 p.m. 3725 N. Gantenbein St.

#### WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY, AUGUST 10 - 12

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016:** Ages 3 to adult. Age appropriate lessons for everyone. Free to the community. Bible lessons, refreshments, activities, crafts and much more. 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, 4304 N. Vancouver Ave. For more information call (503) 206-4135.

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

**KIDS NIGHT OUT: CRAFT EDITION:** Kids Night Out Craft Edition - games, crafts, snacks and fun for your children, ages 6 weeks to 12 years old. RSVP online ASAP! Space is limited! [www.tinyurl.com/knofail](http://www.tinyurl.com/knofail) 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., Resource Center for Students with Children, Portland State University, 1825 S.W. Broadway St.

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

**ALLEN TEMPLE C.M.E. CHURCH GROUNDBREAKING CELEBRATION:**

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## Splash Pads

Portland Parks & Recreation's splash pads and fountains around the city are open through the end of September to help residents stay cool. Cool off through the end of September. Splash pad hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; fountain hours mirror park hours. Fountains have chlorination and recirculate water while water in splash pads drains away - like running through the sprinklers. A list of splash pads is available online at [portlandoregon.gov/parks/splash](http://portlandoregon.gov/parks/splash).

## Portland News Briefs

### Bethesda Lutheran Seeks Volunteers for Home Heroes Program

Bethesda Lutheran Communities has launched a program for volunteers called Home Heroes. The program will foster friendships between community members and people with developmental disabilities supported by Bethesda.

Home Heroes will work with Bethesda's Direct Support Professionals to assist people with disabilities participate in fun activities. They can assist with daily housekeeping or help others find their faith. The experience will create new, meaningful friendships and bonds over shared interests. Home Heroes will make a difference and be forever changed in the best possible way.

The program has launched in four states: Colorado, Texas, Wisconsin and Oregon. In Oregon, Bethesda is looking for volunteers to get involved in the Beaverton, Cornelius and Tualatin areas. Among these first locations, the goal is to recruit 100 volunteers. In the future, this program will be a vital part of every Bethesda location across the country.

To apply or learn more information about Home Heroes, visit <http://bethesdalutherancommunities.org/get-involved/volunteer/bethesda-home-heroes/> or contact Kirsten Whitsitt at (920) 262-6515 or send an email to [Kirsten.Whitsitt@mailblc.org](mailto:Kirsten.Whitsitt@mailblc.org).

### Matthew Desmond's 'Evicted' Selected for Everybody Reads 2017

Next January, Multnomah County Library will launch Everybody Reads 2017, the library's 15th annual community reading project, with Matthew Desmond's "Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City."

"Evicted" the lives of people in Milwaukee, Wis. - tenants and landlords alike - who are grappling with the circumstances of eviction. This acclaimed work looks into the circumstances that precede

eviction and chronicles the compounding effects on lives, families and communities afterward.

Matthew Desmond is the John L. Loeb Associate Professor of the Social Sciences at Harvard University and codirector of the Justice and Poverty Project. He is the author of the award-winning book *On the Fireline*, coauthor of two books on race, and editor of a collection of studies on severe deprivation in America. His work has been supported by the Ford, Russell Sage, and National Science foundations, and his writing has appeared in the *New York Times*, *The New Yorker* and *Chicago Tribune*. In 2015, Desmond was awarded a MacArthur "genius grant."

Extra copies of the books will be available in January 2017 at all neighborhood libraries, and e-books will be downloadable from the library catalog, thanks to the generous support of The Library Foundation. Readers are encouraged to share extra copies with friends, coworkers and neighbors.

Beginning in February 2017, share your thoughts at a book discussion at your neighborhood library or bookstore.

Desmond will speak on March 9, 2017, at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. Tickets are available from Literary Arts.

Everybody Reads, a community reading project of Multnomah County Library, is made possible in part by The Library Foundation with author appearance made possible by Literary Arts.

### 2016 Collins Lecture to Feature The Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III

Senior pastor of Chicago's Trinity United Church of Christ, Dr. Otis Moss is part of a new generation of ministers committed to community advancement and social justice activism. He practices and preaches a Black theology that calls attention to the problems of mass incarceration, environmental justice and economic inequality. Dr. Moss's creative Bible-based messages entwining love and justice have inspired audiences worldwide. He is the author most recently of *Blue Note Preaching in a Post-Soul World: Finding Hope in an Age of Despair*.

Dr. Moss will be joined by representatives of Oregon's Black, Latino, Asian and Native American communities, who will discuss racism as they experience it in Oregon today. Workshop leaders will address community policing, mass incarceration, the prophetic voice in the public square, and building the Beloved Community.

The event will take place Nov. 3. Opening plenary and workshops from 1 to 5:30 p.m. Lecture by The Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III at 7 p.m. at Concordia University, 2811 NE Holman St., Portland, Oregon.

The annual Collins Lectures, sponsored by the Collins Foundation and a signature event of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, explore issues related to

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